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SPECIAL SCHEME IN POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government have a proposal to launch a special scheme in the powerloom sector;

(b) If so, the salient features of the scheme ; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is proposed to be launched?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) to (c) Government has the following schemes in the 10th Plan period (2002-07) for the powerloom sector:

(i) Modernisation and strengthening of Powerloom Service Centres

Government has set up 44 powerloom service centres, in major powerloom concentration areas in different states to provide various service including training, testing, technical consultations, design development etc to powerloom units and weavers. In 9th Plan 21 powerloom services centres were provided with modern machines and equipment such as shuttleless looms, pirn winders, and sectional warping machine etc. In the 10th plan Government has approved a scheme to equip the remaining 23 powerloom service centres with similar machines and also strengthen all 44 powerloom service centres with enhanced grant-in-aid to use suitable technical man-power to increase the effectiveness of the services of these centres.

(ii) Support to Computer Aided Design Centre

To facilitate the creation of new designs, so as to meet the need of fast changing global trends in fashion, Computer Aided Design Centres have been set up in 17 powerloom clusters located in different parts of the country. Government would continue the support to these centres in the 10th Plan as per the pattern approved.

(iii) Welfare of Workers

With a view to provide safety net to the powerloom workers, who are likely to be affected due to globalisation of the industry, Government is implementing a scheme of Welfare of Workers. Under the scheme since 1992-93, Government has introduced a Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Worker in association with the Life Insurance Corporation of India. The scheme is being continued in the 10th plan with revision to enable greater death and disability benefit, which would be available to powerloom workers aged between 18 to 60 years and earning a minimum average wage of Rs.700 per month on payment of a premium contribution of Rs.40/- per annum. Another component of the scheme is to provide assistance for worksheds for powerloom workers so as to improve their working condition and enable them to modernize.